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To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER.

SIR,

'TIS very likely you may believe me such a Sort of Correspondent, as writes only because he has nothing else to do; and I, on the other Hand, like many other Authors, may conclude that you can attend to nothing of more Importance than such Sentiments as mine; perhaps we may both be in the Wrong, but this Self-Conceit seems so ingrafted in our Natures, that 'tis almost impossible to conquer it; 'tis owing to this, that every one almost piques himself on some peculiar Excellency, and happy it is for him if he is modest enough to confine himself to one only, or hit upon that which is most agreeable to his Genius. Many err in this last Particular, and are vain in the wrong Place; and not a few are general Pretenders, and render themselves ridiculous on every Subject, by assuming a Mastery in all. In the general all People are pleas'd with themselves, and, in spite of their own numerous Failings, will presume to point out and ridicule those of others: If we speak of our own Qualities, and Actions, 'tis with such a Self-Complacency, such an Air of Satisfaction, as can never arise from any other Subject whatever: As soon as that agreeable Tale begins, the Tongue flows with the most various and elegant Expressions, the Eye brightens, and every Feature of the Face smiles with Pleasure; nay every Member of the Body seems to speak too, and we can never say too much, or continue the Oration too long. But, if any other should be infected with the same Ambition of Self-Flattery, and grow impatient to place his Picture in the same amiable Light, he that was but now so animated, so full of his own favourite Enthusiasm, sinks into the most profound Insensibility, and feels all his Faculties numb'd as if they were touch'd by the *Torpedo*. 'Tis owing to the same Principle that we think all the Accidents which affect ourselves, are of equal Consequence to every one of our Acquaintance, and, tho' we are never at Leisure to reflect on their Concerns, we can't help being astonish'd that they should, even for a Moment, be negligent of ours. Palpable Blindness as this really is, 'tis universal, and every Man feels it in another, tho' he thinks he is inlighten'd himself.

'Tis plain therefore that Self-Conceit has a very bad Influence on our Minds, and yet, when properly regulated, 'tis the Spur of Ingenuity, and the Wings of Virtue: undoubtedly 'twas implanted in our Natures to answer the noblest and wisest Ends, to make Ambition laudable, and Pride the Parent of Happiness. Let me add that, if proper Use was made of this universal Bent of every Mind, in our Educations, we should see it as fruitful of Beauties, as now it is of Errors and Deformities. There is hardly a Creature in the World but might be made to excel in some Light or another, and, if an early Care was taken to distinguish the peculiar Turn of each, and to encourage it when found, no Body could be absurd, and our inborn Vanity would exert itself with Credit to ourselves, and Advantage to Society.

After what has been said, 'twill be in vain for me to pretend myself free from this epidemick Prejudice; I am conscious I am not, and I'll give your Readers free Leave to quote this Epistle as a Proof against me: The only Question is, whether my Vanity has a proper Foundation, or, in other Words, whether I am equal to the Task I undertake: Neither you, nor your Readers will wonder that my Opinion is in my own Favour; and, if they, or you should be of a different Mind, you are to remember you only make the same Compliment to your Judgments, that I do to my Imagination.

What I chiefly intended to be the Subject of my present Letter, was a little Essay on *News-Papers*, and the Uses they ought to answer to the Publick; and, all I have already said, is only to pass for a Sort of Apology, if my Vanity should appear more eminent than my Understanding.

Since this Kind of Amusement was first in Fashion amongst us, I believe there never appear'd so great a Number of Papers as at present, neither perhaps was there ever before so general a Taste for the Reading them; and yet 'tis the common Complaint that they never afforded less Entertainment; insomuch that many of the formerly celebrated Papers, in spite of Novelty, are still more read than any of the present, and carry off the Reputation from them all. I will not pretend to account for the Reasons for this, or run through a Criticism on the whole Legion of modern Writers; I will not determine whether political, or religious Debates, Scandal, or Dulness, Want of Method, or Variety have been the Causes of this Degeneracy; my Design is rather to point out what Scheme is most reasonable to meet with Success, than reflect on what has fail'd.

In the first Place therefore I shall take Notice that there are three Sorts of publick Papers, which visit the Coffee-houses every Week. One that depends on Articles of News only, a second that enters into political Controversy, and the last which is founded on entertaining Essays, grave or humourous, Prose or Verse.

I shall say but little of the first, and nothing of the second, because you are an Author that have little to do with either.

The principal Things to be regarded in mere Papers of News, are good Intelligence of Matters of Fact, Integrity in the Relation, and Method in adjusting the Whole; a Paper that abounds with Articles, at the Expence of its Credit, is like a Traveller who has learn'd Romances enough abroad to be reputed a common Lyar at home: Such a Paper may be read, but it can never be depended upon, and, of Course, even Truth itself will be doubted for keeping such bad Company. Such as deal much in Rumours and Hearsay will hardly avoid the Traveller's Reputation, and will have frequent Causes to make one Day a Satire on the other, and give the Lye to their own Intelligence. Neither are all Matters of Fact proper to be laid before the publick View; some are so trifling in themselves that they would even scandalize a Country Christening, or a Lady's Visiting-Day; others are of so nice and tender a Nature, may concern the Peace of Families so much, or prove so detrimental to private Characters, that both Good-Nature and Good-Manners should keep the Curtain still drawn, and hinder the publick Eye from insulting private Misfortune. Such Incidents only are proper to be publish'd as, in State-Affairs, make a Part of the History of the Times, and, in all others, such as are either curious in themselves, or have so near a Regard to Trade, Business, or whatever else is generally useful, as may render them necessary to be known. In foreign Accounts the Articles should be rang'd in such a Manner as to succeed regularly, and make one Advice connect with another: Whereby the Reader would find every Mail a Continuation of the Business of *Europe*, and be inabled to see the Whole in one comprehensive View.

I come now to Papers of Entertainment, a Species of Writing that may perhaps be made more useful to the Publick than any other, because 'tis suppos'd to be levell'd chiefly at the reigning Follies of the Age, to weed out the Seeds of Luxury and Affectation, and establish Taste and Virtue on the most solid Foundation. For this Purpose the Authors should chuse a Scheme so extensive, as would afford an unbounded Prospect of Life, and all the Business and Amusements of Mankind. From this Eminence they should not only overlook, or idly remark at Distance, but they should frequently descend into the Mid-Hurry, make themselves intimate with every Scene in it, and use their Penetration, as a Microscope, to discern and expose the most minute Errors.

The Way to do this most effectually, is to give the Imagination its full Play, and indulge it in wearing every Dress; dry Reasoning and dull Morality have no Force with the gay and fantastick Libertine; he must be met therefore with Smiles, and courted with Blandishments; he must believe that he is still in search of Pleasure, and be surpriz'd into Reformation. The finest Sentiment, and most weighty Truth may put on a pleasing Face, and 'tis even virtuous to jest, when serious Advice would fail. It may not be amiss sometimes, indeed, to assume the Rigour of Philosophy, and argue with all the Majesty of Truth; to call out the whole Force of Eloquence and embellish with all the Charms of Diction. Undoubtedly there are some Readers still remaining amongst us that have the Courage to be pleas'd on the best Principles, and, though they are few in Number, they are not to be neglected; the Applause of such a one is of more Value than the Shout of the Million, and, in Time will be of more Advantage: Tho' their Influence is slow, 'tis sure, and, tho' Sense is not always attended to, 'twill force its Way at last.

Neither are these Authors to believe gentile Trifling before their Characters. Who would refuse to entertain the Ladies? To be in their good Graces is to be happy at least, if not eminent, and what they recommend cannot fail to please. Their Taste is already far from being contemptible, and I don't despair of seeing the Arts and Sciences inspir'd by the Ladies, as well as the Muses.

By following these Rules, the Entertainment would be so various it could never tire; the Scene of the World is shifting continually, and though the same Characters may always be presented before us, the Business is different, or will seem so, till the Curtain falls, and the Stage itself disappear forever. 'Tis the Business of these Authors, therefore, only to copy the Incidents that Time and Nature are continually introducing, or, at most, to regulate their Method, and harmonize the Shew.

To lay aside Metaphor, it is greatly in the Power of these Gentlemen to regulate the Morals, and refine the Taste of the Age; to explode Affectation and Folly, and do Honour to Ingenuity and Virtue. These are my Sentiments on News-Papers in general, and what I would recommend to be the Standard of your Conduct in Particular.

I am, Sir, Yours, &c.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER:

SIR,

IF the following Lines may be allow'd a Place in your next Paper, 'twill very much oblige

Your constant Reader and humble Servant,
FLETCHER.

On LOVE.

Love! thou softest Passion of the Mind,
Whose easy Chains the willing Captive bind,
Say why with eager Haste we run to meet
Thy Joy so painful, and thy Pain so sweet.
Fantastick Ruler: Can we ever know
Whence springs this mighty Weight of lovely Woe?
Slaves to thy Pow'r, to Freedom born in vain,
We love the Misery, and hug the Chain.

Hague, July 28. N. S.

An Account of the Instalment of the Prince of Orange *in the Order of the Garter.*

ON the 23d Instant Mr. *Finch*, Envoy-Extraordinary of the King of *Great Britain*, presented to the Prince of *Orange* the Blue Ribbon, with the rich George which his *Britannick* Majesty had sent him by Mr. *Anstis*; and that Minister put it on him in the Presence of a numerous Assembly of Persons of Distinction, who were at his Highness's House, richly dressed, Mr. *Finch* entertained his Highness that Day at Dinner, with many Persons of Rank and Figure; and this was the first Time of his Highness's appearing in Publick with the Star and Garter. The next Day his Highness received the Compliments of all the Persons of Distinction at this Place; except * * * * *.

Saturday the 25th was the Day fixed for the Solemnity of the Instalation, and it was accordingly performed in

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the *Orange-Hall* of his Highneſs's Houſe in the Wood near this Place. This Hall is one of the fineſt Rooms in the World for Painting, the Trophies of the Great Founder of the Republick being there painted by *Rubens*. In this Hall were erected a Throne for the King, and a Stall for the new Knight, each having a Canopy over it, with the Arms of his Majeſty and thoſe of his Highneſs. Round the Hall were Galleries riſing gradually, for the Perſons of Diſtinction. Though this Place is out of Town, and both the Avenues were guarded, yet the Crowd was ſo great, that by Ten o'Clock in the Morning the Houſe, the Court Yard, and all the Walks were full. Firſt the Ladies were ſeated; then the Gentlemen placed themſelves; and nothing could be more brilliant than the Ranks of Ladies adorned with all the Ornaments of their Sex; among whom none ſhone more bright than the Dutcheſs of *Queenſbury* and the young Counteſs of *Bentinck*, born Princeſs of *Oldemburg*. The Prince having been veſted with the Under-Habits in his Apartment, was conducted to his Stall in Proceſſion, thirty Gentlemen walking two and two, and making three Reverences as they approached the Throne. After his Highneſs's Maſter of the Horſe and the Great Steward of his Houſhold, came the Officers of the Order in their Habits of Ceremony, carrying the Collar, the Mantle, *&c.* upon Velvet Cuſhions. After them marched the Herald at Arms, who was followed by Mr. *Finch*; and next to him came the Prince. The Silence in the Hall was interrupted by nothing but the Martial Sound of Trumpets and Kettle-Drums placed on the Top of the Cupola. Mr. *Finch* and the Herald at Arms inveſted his Highneſs with the Ornaments of the Order with the uſual Ceremonies; and every Body admired the Good Grace with which the Prince performed his Part. He returned to his Apartment in the ſame Order he came; but firſt he advanced upon the Steps, ſupported by Mr *Finch* and the Herald at Arms, to ſhew himſelf to the People, who made the Wood, as well as the Hall, ring with Huzza's and *Vivat Orange*. When the Crowd was a little diſperſed, his Highneſs returned into the Hall, where he was ſoon ſurrounded with the Ladies, who admired the Richneſs of his Hat, which was half covered with Diamonds and Pearls. At Three o'Clock there was a magnificent Repaſt of thirty Covers, his Highneſs ſitting between Mr. *Finch* and Mr. *Anſtis*: To this Table were invited the Deputies of the three Stadtholder Provinces to the Aſſembly of the States-General, the Council of State, the Chamber of *Finances*, and other Lords of the firſt Rank: There were three other Tables for the Gentlemen, *&c.* They drank a long Liſt of Healths, whilſt the People in the Court-Yard diverted themſelves with piercing and drinking out eight Caſks of Wine. In ſhort, they did not come back from the Wood till Nine o'Clock at Night; but there was neither Diſorder nor Misfortune. The Ladies are to take their Turn too this Week, Preparations being in Hand for a Feaſt and a Ball.

SATURDAY, *July* 21.

ON Thurſday laſt his Majeſty in Council was graciouſly pleaſed to order a Proclamation to be forthwith iſſued out, and a Reward of 50 l. to be promiſed for every Deer-Stealer that ſhall be apprehended and convicted of deſtroying the Deer in any of his Majeſty's Chaces and Foreſts.

On Thurſday laſt a Man had the Misfortune to fall into a Copper where they were boiling of Whale-Blubber at the *Greenland-Dock* at *Deptford*, and was ſcalded to Death.

On Wedneſday Night a Man fell from the Cops of a Lime-Cart in *Alderſgate-ſtreet*, by which Accident one of the Wheels went over him, and bruiſed him in ſuch a Manner, that he died in a ſhort Time after.

The ſame Night a young Girl who was ſent with a rich Suit of Headcloaths to a Milliner's in *Lombard-ſtreet*, was ſtopt by a Woman in the *Old-Jury*, who gave her a Penny to go on an Errand for her, while ſhe held her Box; but on her Return ſhe found that the Woman was gone off with the Box valued at 18 l.

By the laſt *French* Mail came Advice, of the *Imperial* Conſul at *Tripoli*, and moſt of his Domeſticks, being dead of the Plague: Several of the *French* Conſul's Domeſticks were almoſt dead, and the Plague continued to make great Havock there. The neighbouring States of *Algier* and *Tunis* were uſing their utmoſt Endeavours to prevent the Infection's reaching them; and in *Portugal* all Ships arriving from the *Streights* were immediately put under Quarantine, there being no leſs than 19 *Britiſh* Ships performing Quarantine in the River *Tagus*, the 4th Inſtant, N. S. The Plague was brought to *Tripoli* from the Iſland of *Candia*.

Preferments. The Rev. Dr. *Barton*, Prebendary of *Winchester*, ſucceeds the Rev. Dr. *Burton*, deceaſed, as Canon Reſidentiary of *Chriſt-Church* College in *Oxford*, which is in the King's Free Gift.——Laſt Week the Rev. Mr. *Robinſon* was preſented to the Living of *Aſhton* in *Yorkſhire*, vacant by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

Marriages. A few Days ſince the Right Hon. the Lord *Teynham* was married to Miſs *Powell*, Siſter to the Lady of *Francis Curzon*, Bart. a young Lady of a plentiful Fortune.—— On Saturday laſt *Philip Cantillon*, Eſq; a conſiderable Merchant of this City, was married to Miſs *Newland*, eldeſt Daughter of *William Newland*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Gatton* in *Surrey*, a young Lady of 6000 l. Fortune.

Deaths. Yeſterday died the Lady *Frankland*, Mother of Sir *Thomas Frankland*, Bart.——A few Days ago died ſuddenly, of an Apoplexy, the Rev. Mr. *Williams*, of *Magdalen* College, *Oxon*.

MONDAY, *July* 23.

On Wedneſday laſt the Aſſizes ended at *Hereford*, when eight Perſons were tried, but none capitally convicted, and it proving a Maiden Aſſizes, the Sheriffs, according to Cuſtom, preſented the Judges with white Gloves.

On Thurſday Night laſt the Aſſizes ended at *Maidſtone* for the County of *Kent*, when only one Perſon was capitally convicted, *viz. Richard Paris*, for two Robberies on the Highway, and was repriev'd before the Judge left that Place; *Anne Fry* was burnt in the Hand. The Aſſize on the *Niſi Prius* Side did not end till Friday in the Evening, when 21 Cauſes were tried. There was the greateſt Appearance of Gentlemen at this Place that ever was known, in order to nominate two Perſons for Members to repreſent that County in Parliament. The ſame Day two Drawers belonging to the *Bull-Inn* in *Maidſtone* having ſome Difference, the one gave the other a Blow on the Head, which knock'd him down, and by the Fall he received ſo much Hurt, that he died on the Spot. The Survivor made his Eſcape.

Hampton-Court, July 19. His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to order, that the Parliament which ſtands prorogued to Thurſday the 26th Inſtant, ſhould be further prorogued to Tueſday the 9th Day of *October* next.

By a private Letter from *Paris* Mention is made, that Sir *John Lambert*, Bart. has gained his Cauſe againſt the Chevalier *de Laye* for 50,000 l. Sterling, with Coſts, *&c.*

Yeſterday as a Shoe-maker of St. *Martin's* went to try on a Pair of Shoes for a Gentleman in *Moorfields*, he was ſeized with an Apopleſtick Fit, and died immediately.

On Saturday laſt a Fire broke out at the Alms-Houſes at *Kingſton upon Thames*, which conſumed three Houſes before it was extinguiſh'd.

On the 20th Inſtant came on at the Aſſizes at *Leiceſter*, a Trial between *Charles Packe*, Eſq; Plaintiff, and *Joſeph Reynolds* of the City of *Briſtol*, Wine-Merchant, Defendant, in an Action of 5000 l. Damage, for carrying away the Plaintiff's Wife: And, the Declaration not being ſatisfactorily proved, and it appearing, on the Defendant's Behalf, that the Plaintiff's Behaviour towards his Spouſe, had given her juſt Occaſion to leave him, and that the Defendant only conducted her to her Brother's Houſe, and ſhe being a Lady of a very fair Reputation, the Plaintiff ſuffered a Nonſuit.

We are inform'd by Letters from *Corf-Caſtle* in *Dorſetſhire*, that on the 18th paſt *John Banks*, of *Kingſton-Hall*, and *John Bond*, Eſqrs; accompanied by *Dennis Bond*, Eſq; late a Director of the *Charitable Corporation*, made their Appearance in the Town of *Corf*, with an Intent to ſecure their Intereſt for the enſuing Election, where they found a very cool Reception, the unanimous Voice of the Place being in Favour of *William Okeden*, of *Moore Critchill*, Eſq; of the ſaid County, who finding his Friends ſo zealous in his Intereſt is reſolv'd to perſiſt in his Offer of ſerving the ſaid Borough.

Preferment. On Thurſday laſt the Rev. Mr. *Lloyd*, one of the Uſhers of *Weſtminſter* School, was preſented by the Lord Chancellor to the Rectory of *Burlborp* in the County and Diocese of *Glouceſter*, vacant by the Death of the laſt Incumbent.

TUESDAY, *July* 24.

We have an Account from *Naſing* in *Eſſex*, that an itinerant Tinker was found dead there on Friday laſt, and that a Contuſion having been diſcover'd in his Head, his Corpſe was yet kept above Ground, and the Cauſe of his Death remains undetermin'd. The Man had two Fellow-Travellers with him, who call themſelves his Wife and Daughter, and the former pretends that he hung himſelf, and that ſhe cutting him down in a Fright, the Fall occaſion'd the Bruiſe above-mentioned. But there being no Signs that any Rope has been round his Neck, and as her Daughter owns that her Father and Mother had ſome Words a ſhort Time before, 'tis not quite without Suſpicion, that his Wife did give him the Blow with one of his Hammers, and the ſame ſeems the more probable Occaſion of his Death than a Halter.

We hear from *Derby*, that on Saturday the 14th Inſt. the Hon. Mr. Juſtice *Forteſcue* and Mr. Baron *Carter* arriv'd in that Town, in order to hold the Aſſizes there, being met by *German Pole*, Eſq; the High Sheriff, attended by a great Number of Gentlemen and Tradeſmen on Horſeback. The Evening before had come to the ſaid Town, the Lord *James Cavendiſh*, one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament: As did on Sunday his Grace the Duke of *Devonſhire*; and on Monday, Sir *Nathaniel Curſon*, Bart. and *Godfrey Clark*, Eſq; the two Knights of the Shire, together with many other neighbouring Gentlemen; and there was the ſame Day the greateſt Appearance of Gentlemen and Ladies that ever was ſeen there: At Night there was a very grand Aſſembly. After the Aſſembly was over, his Grace the Duke of *Devonſhire*, the Lord *Cavendiſh*, and moſt of the Nobility and Gentry repair'd to Mr. *Fraunceys*'s Houſe, where a fine Entertainment was prepar'd for them, and at which they ſtaid till near Four in the Morning.

At the ſaid Aſſizes none were capitally convicted; *William Cope* was tried for taking ſix Shillings out of the Cheſt ſtanding in the Pariſh Church of *Spoonton*; and *John Gaſkin*, for breaking open a Shop and ſtealing ſeveral Pieces of Leather, were both ordered for Tranſportation. The poor old Man, mention'd in one of our former to have been committed on Suſpicion of being one *Gabriel Manſfield*, who murder'd his Apprentice 33 Years ago, was brought to the Bar; but nothing appearing to convict him, he was immediately ſet at Liberty.

On Sunday laſt a young Man was drowned in the *Thames* near *White Fryars*, as he was bathing himſelf; he called out for Help to ſeveral others that were near him, but none durſt venture to his Aſſiſtance: The Name of *William Buſby* was written in a Prayer-Book found in his Pocket.

The ſame Day between Three and Four in the Afternoon, three Boys were waſhing themſelves at *Queenhith*, and were all drowned.

On Thurſday laſt the Son of Mr. *Sicammadine*, a Taylor in *Fleet-ſtreet*, riding through *Dunſtable*, his Horſe was unhappily frighten'd by a Cart unloading Flints, and flung him, by which Accident his Skull was fractur'd, and he died immediately.

It is computed that within twelve Months paſt eight hundred thouſand Quarters of Corn have been exported from *Great Britain* to *Portugal*, *Spain*, *Eaſt France*, and *Italy*, for which they have paid (including the Freight made by our Ships which carried it) one Million of Pounds Sterling, to the great Advantage of this Kingdom in general, and the Landed Intereſt in particular, which, conſidering the Plenty of Wheat it has been pleaſed God to bleſs us with, and the fine Appearance there is now of a very great Harveſt throughout the Kingdom, would have been reduced to very melancholy Circumſtances, had it not been for the great Demand from thoſe Countries.

Deaths. A few Days ſince died *John Fowres*, of *Kittery-Court* in the County of *Devon*, Eſq;—— On Saturday laſt died at *Lambeth*, *Alexander Montgomery*, Eſq;

WEDNESDAY, *July* 25.

Yeſterday a Court of Common-Council was held at *Guildhall*, when the Affair of the Orphan's Tax coming under Conſideration, it was agreed to take it off from *Midſummer* 1733, to *Midſummer* 1734, and that the Services to which the Produce of it was uſ'd to be employ'd, ſhould be ſupplied out of the Chamber of this City.

The ſame Day was held a General Court of the *South-Sea* Company, at their Houſe in *Threadneedle-ſtreet*, when the Queſtion being put for repealing that Part of the fifth By-Law relating to the Payment of the Annuities Half-Yearly, the ſame was carried in the Negative by a Majority of Hands; but a Ballot being demanded, was order'd. A Motion was likewiſe again made, for the Company's giving ſome Gratuity to the Gentlemen concern'd in the late Inſpection, in Return for their great Care and Pains, but the Court were pleas'd to defer it to another Opportunity.

On Saturday laſt a Man fell out of the Ferry-Boat at *Jeremy's-Ferry* near *Hackney*, and was drowned.

On Monday two Men were drowned as they were bathing themſelves in a Pond between *Old-ſtreet* and *Iſlington*.

On Sunday Morning early a Quarrel happened in *Ruſſel-ſtreet*, *Covent-Garden*, between ſome *Iriſhmen* and others; when one of their Countrymen, who uſually ſung Ballads in the Streets, was unfortunately killed in the Fray; and laſt Night about Eight o'Clock the Coroner's Inqueſt ſat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*.

Commitment. Yeſterday Morning about Five o'Clock, as two Gentlemen were going out of Town in a Chaiſe, they were attack'd by two Highwaymen near *Tyburn*, who robbed them of their Watches, and about 12 l. in Money, and then made off; but being cloſely purſu'd, were taken with the Watches upon them, and being carried before a Magiſtrate, were committed to Priſon.

Death. Yesterday died Mr. *Woodstock*, one of her Majesty's Footmen; also Bricklayer and Engine-keeper to the Royal Palace at St. *James's*.

THURSDAY, *July* 26.

By Letters from *Ipswich* in *Suffolk* we hear, that the latter End of last Week, *George Lindrope*, a reputed Smuggler, was seized there and committed to Jail, on an Action for 18 000l. brought against him at his Majesty's Suit; there being Informations made on Oath against him and twelve more, for defrauding his Majesty of upwards of 35,000l. within these five Years. There are likewise brought to that Jail, and confined close in Irons, two Persons who were principally concerned in rescuing and carrying off at Noon-Day, *Bruce* and *Stevens*, alias *Ball*, two notorious Smugglers, who lay in Jail in order for Transportation, for which they are to take their Trials at the ensuing Assizes at St. *Edmond's-Bury* in *Suffolk*; and one called Lord *Pixley*, and *Bodery*, who are charged with defrauding his Majesty of his Dues, are to take their Trials at the said Assizes.

Yesterday Morning very early, the Lady of his Excellency the Count *de Montijo*, Ambassador-Extraordinary from the King of *Spain*, was safely delivered of a Daughter at *Powis-House* in *Great Ormond-street*; on which Occasion very great Rejoicings were made last Night.

The Installation of his Grace the Duke of *Devonshire* and the Earl of *Wilmington*, as Knights Companions of the most noble Order of the Garter, is fix'd for the 20th of *September* next at *Windsor*. His Highness the Prince of *Orange* will be present at the said Ceremony.

We hear from *Chester*, that on Thursday the 19th Inst. the Right Hon. *George* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, Master of the Horse to his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County and City of *Chester*, and Governor of *Chester-Castle*, made his first publick Entry (since his Father's Death) into that antient and loyal City, attended by some few Gentlemen of the County. Military, Excise, all the *Custom-House* Officers of the neighbouring Ports and Counties, and several of the Tenants and Dependants of that noble Lord, and that the Number of the Horse were between six and seven hundred, besides seventeen Coaches, Chaises, Chariots, and Horse-Chairs: They were saluted at their entering into the City with the Cry of *No Excise*; they proceeded to the Castle, where the great Guns were fired, and then some of the Gentlemen waited on his Lordship to Dinner at an Inn, where all loyal Healths, together with Sir *Robert Walpole's*, and Confusion to all Malecontents, were drank, with the mutual Applause of the whole Company.

By the same Letters we are inform'd, that on Saturday following Sir *Robert Grosvenor* and Sir *Charles Bunbury*, Barts. Representatives in Parliament for the said City, made their publick Entry into the same; whose Interest being much more considerable than that of their Opponents, and they having shew'd themselves true Patriots of their Country by their late Opposition to the Excise Scheme, were attended by a much greater Number of the Citizens and of the Gentlemen of that and of the adjacent Counties: The Appearance was very splendid, and consisted of upwards of four thousand Gentlemen and Freemen on Horseback, and near forty Coaches, nineteen of which were Coaches and Six: This Company was conducted thro' the City by their two Representatives at the Head of them on Horse-back, who were follow'd by the High Sheriff of the County, and *Charles Cholmondeley* and *John Crue* the younger, Esqs; the two Candidates for the County of *Chester* in the ensuing Election, and after these all the Gentlemen and Freemen in their proper Order, and the Whole was closed with Coaches in the Rear. The Gentlemen afterwards walked in Procession to the Town-Hall, where a grand Entertainment was prepared, and there Sir *Robert Grosvenor* and *Watkins William Wynne*, Esq; were sworn Aldermen of the said City: When the Ceremony was over, the two above-mention'd Gentlemen, together with Sir *Charles Bunbury*, Bart. and *Charles Cholmondeley*, Esq; all Members of Parliament, were address'd in a Speech by the Recorder, who thank'd them, in the Name of the City, for the honest Spirit they had ever shewn in their Opposition to the *Excise*, or any other Bill wherein the Liberty and Property of the Subject were concern'd. It was receiv'd with the Applause of both the City and Country Gentlemen, who thereupon (as they abhorr'd the Scheme) unanimously resolv'd to express their Dislike, by promising their Votes to *Charles Cholmondeley* and *John Crue*, Esqrs; in Opposition to Sir *Robert Cotton*, Bart. at the ensuing Election for the County of *Chester*. They then drank the Healths of the King, Queen, Prince, and all the Royal Family, Lord *Warrington* and Lord *Derby*, with the glorious 205, and the noble 75, and all the other worthy Gentlemen, who had shewn themselves Enemies to any Attempt upon the Liberties of their Fellow-Subjects.

Preferments. On Monday last the Right Rev. Dr. *Edmund Gibson*, Lord Bishop of *London*, presented the Rev. *Peniston Booth*, S. T. B. to the Office or Dignity of Chancellor of the Cathedral Church of St. *Paul*, vacant by the Resignation of the Rev. *Edward Jones*, S. T. P.——Mr. *Woodstock*, is appointed to succeed his Brother as Bricklayer to his Majesty's Palace at St. *James's*.——Mr. *Edward King*, Nephew to Mr. *Graves*, deceas'd, is appointed the City Huntsman, in the room of his Uncle.——A few Days since the Rev. Mr. *Christopher Brockell*, D. D. was presented to the Rectory of *Biggesly*, in the Diocese of *Lincoln*, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.

Marriage. The Rev. Mr. *Bruce*, a noted Dissenting-Preacher of this City, was married a few Days since to Miss *Molly Street* of *Pinner*, a young Lady of a considerable Fortune.

Deaths. On Tuesday died at *Holloway* the Rev. Mr. *Jenkins*, formerly Master of *Gray's* School in *Kent*.——On Monday died Capt. *Bower*, a Sea-Officer, at his House at St. *Mary Axe*.——On Sunday died *Thomas Jones*, Esq; Major to the Lord *Tyrawley's* Regiment of Foot.—— A few Days since died the Rev. Dr. *Edward Morse*, Rector of *Gatton* in the County of *Surrey*.—— We have an Account from *Chichester* of the Death of Mr. *Baker*, Sen. of this City, one of the Surgeons of *Guy's Hospital*.—— On Monday died at *Malden* in *Essex*, *Robert Onslow*, Esq; a near Relation to the Right Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons.

FRIDAY, *July* 27.

Yesterday came on the Ballot at the *South-Sea House* for determining the Question propos'd in the General Court of that Company held on Tuesday last, *viz.* whether Part of the 5th By-Law, which ordains, That the whole Annuity payable at the *Exchequer* on the Company's Capital, be paid half-yearly to the Persons interested, should be repeal'd: And upon closing the same, the Numbers were found to stand,

Against repealing the said Part of the By-Law	395
For repealing it —— ——	147
Majority	248

The same Day Sir *Richard Brocas*, President of St. *Bartholomew's-Hospital*, held a General Court in the new Building there for the first Time; after which, in the great Room (one of the finest in *England*) a grand Entertainment was provided for them by twelve Stewards.

Letters from *Chester* say, that when Sir *Robert Grosvenor* was approaching that City, Bonfires were lighted up from *Priests Heath*, *Malpas*, &c. to *Millers-Heath*, even a Noon-Day; that the Footmen and other Servants which preceded the Cavalcade, vastly exceeded in Number all that attended Lord *Cholmondeley* the Thursday before; that most of the Freeholders and Freemen of the County and City of *Chester*, wore gilded Tobacco Leaves in their Hats, and Papers shaped in the Manner of Hearts, with this Motto, *No Excise*; that while they passed through the City, which took up two Hours (the like having never before been seen in *Chester*) the Musick play'd, *A Begging we will go*, &c.

A few Days since the Lady of Sir *Fisher Tench*, Bart. had the Misfortune to be flung by an unruly Horse, passing through *Low-Layton* in *Essex*; by which Accident she broke her Arm.

Marriages. Yesterday Mr. *Barnard*, a noted Hop-Merchant in *Thames-street*, was married to Miss *Allen*, eldest Daughter of Mr. *Allen*, a wholesale Hosier in *Thames-street*, with whom he has a Fortune of 10,000l.——A few Days since *John Bullock*, jun. of *Norfolk-street* in the *Strand*, Esq; a Student in *King's* College, *Cambridge*, was married to Miss *Bullock*, a young Lady of 20,000l. Fortune.

Deaths. Yesterday died at *Hackney*, Mr. *Dawson*, a very wealthy Sugar-Baker in *Basinghall-street*.——A few Days since died the Rev. Mr. *Sadler*, Rector of *Frath* in the County of *Northumberland*.

HOME PORTS.

Falmouth, July 21. On the 19th *arrived* the Eagle-Packet, Tonkin, from *Corunna*. This Day *sailed* the Townshend-Packet, Cooper, for *Corunna*.

Hull, July 21. *Arrived* the Increase, Tomlin, from *Narva*; Betty, Reader; Baltick-Merchant, Jobson, *Stockholm*; Concord, Hill, *Mamell*; John and Anne, Finlow, *Amsterdam*.

Biddeford, July 22. *Arrived* the Peace, Spencer, from *Virginia*.

Dartmouth, July 22. The William and Mary of *Dover*, Beazley, from *Malaga* for *Guernsey*, came to Anchor this Day in our Road.

Bristol, July 23. *Arrived* the Aurora, Muff, from *Jamaica*, with the Goods saved out of the Virgin, Allen, lost on that Island: She came last from *South-Carolina*.

Deal, July 24. This Morning *arrived* the Mercury, Campbell, from *Jamaica*; Cato, Jell, *Malaga*.

Gravesend, July 24. *Arrived* the Anne, Speed, from *Oporto*; Chitty, Skelton, *Petersburgh*; Hopewell, Curling, *Riga*; Patientia, Christison, *Norway*; Success Sloop, Dustin, *Rotterdam*; Flanders Merchant, Saint, *Ostend*; Catharine, Clerbutt, *Calais*; the Moor's, Moore, *Dieppe*; America, Croney, *Gallipoli*; Constant, Phillips, *Jamaica*; Neptune, Pitcher, *New England*.

Gravesend, July 25. *Arrived* the Dispatch, Burroughs, from *Nevis*; and the Suffolk, ——, from *Guiney*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague, July 28. N. S.

ALL our Advices from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, seem to prognosticate a War, which to greatly perplexes the Republic, that she knows not what Resolution to take, pressed as she is by *France* on one Side, and by the Emperor on the other, to declare herself: So that the two opposite Parties seem to be agreed in this, That the Republick shall not be Neuter, if they have any Difference. What a cruel Thing is this! It is true, the Emperor promises to send Troops enow into the *Netherlands* to cover the Country, and to secure the Barrier; but it appears to be his Intention that the States General should disburse the Money; whereas their High Mightinesses have none to lay out. They could easily raise Money, it is true; but it would not be so easy to repay it, or to settle a Fund for discharging the Interest of it. Besides, certain Ministers of State are so linked in with *France*, that they know not how to look back. Lastly, the Spirit of the People with Regard to the Prince of *Orange* is such, that it is to be by no Means neglected; for though neither his Highness nor his Friends take one Step that looks towards gaining that Point, the People seem ripe to make him Stadtholder, whether the Provinces will or not; as formerly they did the late King *William*. This Situation of Affairs seems so ticklish, not to say dangerous, to the Great Pensionary *Slingelandt*, that having assembled the States of *Holland* on *Friday* last, he sent them a Letter, (being confined to his Bed) desiring Leave to resign, and alledging that his Age and Infirmities would not permit him to attend the Affairs of the State with that Application which they required, especially in so arduous a Conjuncture. This Resolution astonished not only the Ministers of State, but the Foreign Ministers also: Every one forms his own Conjectures; but in general it is agreed, that it was not so much his Infirmities, that determined the Pensionary to take this Resolution, as the Sense, or Imagination at least, of his Incapacity *tantam sustinere molem*. Possibly the C—— may soon follow his Example, for the same Reason. However, we are told that a Member of the States-General said in the Assembly, when Mention was made of the Pensionary's Resignation, that he hoped he would go through the Work he had begun, or Words to that Effect. There are several Candidates for that important Office, which is reckoned the most honourable in the State: The Principal of these are the Treasurer-General *Vanderheym*, the Secretary of State *Tenhove*, and *Monheer Vlyther*, Fiscal of the Admiralty of the *Maes*. There will, no Doubt, be great Struggling for it; and whoever is chosen, to be sure, will not be *Goedt Prins*, that is to say, he will be an *Anti Nassau*: for as *Monheer B*—— was pleased to express himself the other Day in Conversation, *Liever Frans als Nassau* as much as to say, *Better be under the* French, *than make the Prince of* Orange *Stadtholder*, he is not alone in his Opinion, be it ever so mad. Thus the Jesuitical *Romanists* of these Countries cry, *Better be a* Turk *than a* Jansenist, when the poor Creatures do not know what a *Jansenist* is.

According to our last Advices from *Dresden*, the Affair is settled, and the *Free Polanders* are to have for their King no other than the Son of their late King *Augustus*. That King is certainly married to an *Austrian* Princess; and why should the *felix Austrianube* fail with Regard to that A—s only?

We look upon it, that whatever Party *England* and *Holland* espouse in this Affair, the same will go near to determine the *Danes* and *Swedes*. For as to the King of *Prussia*, it is confidently reported, that the Marquis *de la Chetardie* was mistaken in him; and that he joins Heart and Hand with the Emperor and the *Czarina*.

To conclude; the Treaty between his *Imperial* Majesty and the Elector of *Saxony* was signed the 16th Inst. and though the Conditions are not yet published, they are very advantageous for his Electoral Highness we may presume, because by this Treaty he guaranties the *Pragmatick Sanction*.

Warsaw, July 11. The Diet of this Territory, which began its Session the 7th Instant, broke up the 9th. On the 8th, a Priest, named *Lazozki*, came running into the Assembly, out of Breath, holding in one Hand a little

Sum of Money, to the Amount of about eight Ducats, and in the other a printed Paper, entitled, *A Letter from a certain Nuncio to his Friend*; and, without any Ceremony, acquainted the Members, that Count *Wackerbarth*, the *Saxon* Minister, had given him the one as a Reward for publishing the other; and began immediately to read out the Contents of the Pamphlet. There was no Opposition made to the Sentence pass'd on this Piece; and the same was condemn'd, as a Libel, to be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman; which was done the next Day accordingly, to the Sound of Trumpets and Beat of Kettle-Drums, and 'midst the Cry of a vast Concourse of People, who were made to believe that this Pamphlet had been written in *Saxony*. The Count *de Wackerbarth*, in order to acquit himself of such a scandalous Accusation, has set out a Declaration, That this Priest coming to see him, under a Pretence of delivering a Memorial to him concerning a Place that he enjoy'd during the Life of the late King, and which he had thereupon promis'd to consider of, the Ecclesiastick took the Opportunity to represent himself under such Want of present Sustenance, that his Excellency could not help relieving him with a small Present of eight Ducats: That as for the Paper in Question, several Copies of it had been sent to the other Ministers that Morning as well as to him, by some unknown Hand, and that upon the Priest's Request he had given him one, but without any Design, *&c.*

Warsaw, July 16. Since the unheard of Proceedings the other Day, in Relation to the Pamphlet burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, the Pope's Nuncio, together with the *Imperial* and other Ambassadors, regarding it as a common Affront to all their Characters, have waited on the Primate, to complain of the Right of Nations, injur'd by such a Step, and to demand of him some immediate and notable Satisfaction: But the Prelate referr'd them to a Writing he had caus'd to be communicated to them the Day before; which was calculated to prove, that the Paper in Question was, according to his Notions, contrary to the Right of Nations; and told them withal, that he had even written to the Elector of *Saxony*, to require Satisfaction of him for the Publication of it by his Minister: Their Excellencies would have persuaded him, that he had already taken an unjust Satisfaction; and repeated their Expectations, that he would make some Reparation to their injur'd Character: But the old Fox evaded any positive Declaration on that Point, replying, that he must wait for an Answer to the Letters he has written to *Dresden* and the other foreign Courts. It was given out, that the Primate had caus'd the Priest to be imprison'd who was the Cause of all this Disorder; but we find the Report is not true; tho' all the World agrees, that he is a Fellow of the worst of Characters, and stands already convicted of more Crimes by half than are necessary to find any *Layman* a Halter.

Warsaw, July 17. On the 12th Instant the Ministers of his Electoral Highness of *Saxony* gave a very grand Entertainment to the foreign Ambassadors. 'Tis said that a powerful Party is forming in favour of that Prince; and People go so far as to name several of the Grandees listed into it. The Primate, on the other Side, leaves no Stone unturn'd to gain his favourite Point. The Diet of *Czierfko* is separated, having first past a Vote, that the Person, whoever he be, that the Courts of *Vienna* and *Russia* think to recommend for a Candidate to the Crown of *Poland*, ought rather to be treated like an Enemy than elected King. On the 14th, Prince *Czatarinski* regal'd several of the *Polish* Lords, but Mr. *Woodward*, his *Britannick* Majesty's Minister, was the sole Foreigner that was invited. The Levies for the new Regiments are carrying on throughout the Kingdom: The Officers, by an Order of the Senate, are to take every thirtieth Man they meet; but as they are frequently compell'd to make use of Force to get them, we hear of several Frays that have happen'd, in different Parts, on that Account.

Vienna, July 18. The Treaty which has been for some Time negotiating between the Emperor and the Elector of *Saxony*, was sign'd Yesterday; and we flatter ourselves, will have its Weight in the present Situation of Affairs. A Courier arriv'd the same Day from the *Hague*, with Dispatches from Count *Sinzendorff*, the *Imperial* Minister at that Court. Count *Wratislaw* is preparing to go to *Warsaw* with the Character of Ambassador-Extraordinary from the Emperor; his Liveries, which are very magnificent, are quite finish'd. As this Lord has been already in *Poland*, and knows how to fall in with the Genius of that Nation, we flatter ourselves with Success from his Negotiations. There goes a Report as if Prince *Lubomirski* is on the Road hither, in order to make some Proposals on the Part of the Primate; but the Truth of it is a little suspected. We have receiv'd Advice, that the *French* are making the necessary Dispositions for throwing several Bridges over the *Rhine* between *Strasburgh* and *Hunningen*.

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